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do have a neck and I risk it. I have bills and they're at risk. But this is an important thing for us to do, and I hope at least 30 of us will do the right thing this evening. And, if we do, then those that I've characterized as a flock of sheep will have behaved as a pride of lions. And I do believe we'll feel a lot better for having stayed here as long as we have and ended it all by doing the right thing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schrock, on the motion to override.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the Natural Resource Development Fund, it's a fund that has been important to me for over 15 years. I will remind you that nine out of the last 17 years there's been money vetoed out of this. I think it's time we stood up and say enough is enough. This is Antelope Valley, this is Sarpy Valley levy, this is Lake Wahahoo. There's \$48 million of federal funds and we need to match them. For every dollar we put in there will be about four dollars of federal funds, and then we need some local and state matching money which would come from our counties and cities and natural resource districts. I can't tell you how important this is. It's not for my district; I don't ever remember any natural resource development money being spent in the 38th Legislative District, but there have certainly been some important projects in the state. They're just completing a project in...in Hall County, it's the Wood River levy that protects Grand Island from flooding. This is flood control project money, this is money to protect our...protect our communities and out cities and our towns and our farms, and it's just a...it...it's...it's penny-wise and dollar-foolish to not have these...this money there. Thank you for your time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Engel, on the motion to override.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. President, members of the body, I haven't said anything on this issue at all, although we've done a lot of work on it in Appropriations Committee and I think we presented a good budget to the Governor. We did the best we could and I think...and I think it's our duty to give him something where he